

## Talk of Peace Is Universal in Irish Capital

**Sinn Fein Reported Ready for Compromise; Lloyds Refuses Bets That Warfare Will End by August**

### England Fears Election

**Full Dominion Seen as Solution, With Abandonment of Dual Parliament Plan**

DUBLIN, April 3. (By The Associated Press).—The opinion was expressed today by competent observers that the Irish situation had undergone a considerable change for the better since St. Patrick's Day. A month ago Dublin was the scene of peace protests, but today predictions that there will be a settlement of the controversy in the near future are universal. Lloyds declined to accept bets offered during the week that peace will be brought about before August.

Outwardly conditions have not improved. There has been no cessation of warfare in any part of the disturbed districts, and the trouble is spreading to Ulster. Factors serving to stimulate the optimistic view of the situation are the frank admission of Premier Lloyd George of the government's failure to solve the Irish problem, the appointment of a Catholic Viceroy, Eamon de Valera's latest pronouncements, which are interpreted as showing the necessity of the Sinn Fein for what is deemed a reasonable compromise; England's internal troubles, which are declared to be intensified by the coal strike; the repudiation of the admitted act by southern Ireland, the admitted difficulty of establishing the Ulster Parliament, the significance attached in Ireland to the report of the American Committee of One Hundred, President Harding's reported endorsement of the American Relief Committee's campaign and a rumor that United States Senator Kenyon is coming to Ireland as President Harding's representative to make an investigation.

### Fears Sinn Fein Sweep

Government circles do not conceal their anxiety over the prospect that the Sinn Fein will sweep southern Ireland and win an overwhelming majority of the seats in the southern Parliament. With the Nationalists and Sinn Feiners cooperating in the north, the task of establishing the Ulster Parliament is recognized as fraught with political hazards. Many persons continue to express the belief that the government will abandon its attempt to establish the Parliament and endeavor to arrange a truce before the date of the elections.

It is confidently asserted here that the Sinn Fein would be willing to negotiate peace on the basis of a status of full dominion. A rumor that the Daily Freeman has appointed a committee to negotiate with former enemy countries is denied.

However, these views on peace apparently are not held by the Irish Labor party, which to-morrow will issue a long manifesto, in which the declaration will be made that the labor leaders assume that the "state of war" will continue for a long time. The manifesto will suggest a war program for the Irish community.

### One in Six Workers Idle

Pointing out that 100,000, or one in six workers, are unemployed, the labor party adopts the Daily Freeman's "democratic program" and proposes in addition a moratorium suspending all payments of interest on government loans and the purchase of government securities by the national authorities and applied to the mitigation of the hardships of the people, says the manifesto. The party proposes a campaign of manufacturers, traders and consumers for the protection of Irish manufactures, and declares that the Labor party finally gives protection as essential to the foundation of an Irish industrial revival, but that the protection must be for the interest of the workers.

"We must free ourselves from the tools of competition of the individualistic system, or be compelled to suffer the consequences attaching thereto, which inevitably will with the greatest force upon the working classes," the manifesto will say.

### Two in Lorry Shot

Christopher Reynolds, an insurance agent, and another prisoner in the same lorry with Bernard Nolan, of

## Rounds Up Department to Fight Fire Headquarters Blaze

**John Ehrman, one of the most thorough firemen in North Pelham's volunteer department, who was on night watch at the engine house, was awakened long before dawn yesterday by a crackling and a pronounced odor of smoke.**

The book of rules says that the first thing to be done is to ascertain the seat of the fire. Fireman Ehrman ran upstairs. The seat of the fire was in the commissioner's room, on the second floor, which was all ablaze. Ehrman ran downstairs again.

The next thing to be done was to turn in an alarm. He ran to the box in front of the building and sent in an alarm. As the gong sounded inside the station house he realized for the first time that he merely was serving formal notice on himself that Fire Headquarters was afire.

Thereafter he acted upon impulse rather than by the book. He telephoned to the mill to have the signal given with the siren and then ran toward the station house the last train from New York had just whistled.

Rathfarnham, three miles south of Dublin, were deliberately shot by Crown forces Friday night, according to a charge made by Reynolds in a dying statement to his sister in a hospital Saturday.

Reynolds was an official of the New Ireland Assurance Company, the offices of which have frequently been raided by the military during the last two months. The homes of both Reynolds and Nolan in the Rathfarnham district were raided Friday and the two men arrested. Miss Reynolds said the raiders numbered fourteen who wore police uniforms and one man dressed in khaki.

The police reported at the hospital that the men had been shot while attempting to escape. Nolan is expected to recover.

## Congress Expected To Send Committee Of Inquiry to Cuba

**Action May Be Taken After Gen. Crowder Reports Conditions in Island Said To Be Growing Worse**

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau. WASHINGTON, April 3.—As the time draws near for the opening of the extra session of the new Congress there is a renewal of predictions that steps will be taken by the Senate or by the Senate and House jointly to send a committee to Cuba to investigate conditions.

Senator Johnson, of California, at the last session of Congress presented a resolution for an investigation into Cuban affairs by a Senate committee. Nothing came of the matter then because of lack of time and also because it was thought advisable to await the report of General Crowder.

The Crowder report will soon be made. Rumors are current that it will be favorable to Dr. Alfredo Zayas rather than to General José Miguel Gomez, the defeated Liberal party candidate at the Presidential election.

At the same time there is a strong current of gossip here to the effect that conditions in Cuba are getting worse. While it is not entirely easy to learn the truth about the situation in view of the propaganda put out by one side or the other, it is nevertheless a fact that there is much sentiment in Congress and especially in the Senate in favor of learning the facts at first hand.

Gomez in Washington. General Gomez is in Washington. He has talked to some Senators informally and will talk to others. It is understood he will welcome an inquiry by a committee of Congress.

At the last session it was the plan to have the inquiry made, if one should be made, by the Cuban Relations Committee, of which Senator Johnson was head. But this committee does not exist in the reorganization of the Senate committees. The investigation might be made by the Foreign Relations Committee or the Committee on Territories and Insular Affairs, which Senator New, of Indiana, will be the chairman.

## Mrs. Coolidge Will Hold Reception on Wednesday

**Official and Resident Society of Washington to Meet Vice-President's Wife**

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau. WASHINGTON, April 3.—Mrs. Coolidge will hold her first reception for official and resident society at the White House Wednesday afternoon. She will have several women of the Senate assisting her.

Diplomats are taking advantage of the "little season" to keep pace with their social obligations, and among the hosts will be the Ambassador of Belgium and Baroness De Cartier, who have invitations out for dinner parties Thursday and Friday nights of this week. The Ambassador of Great Britain and Lady Geddes will entertain Wednesday night at dinner at the embassy, and the Ambassador of Spain and Señora de Riano have sent out cards for a dinner the night of April 15 for Count and Countess Raben of Denmark.

The Chinese costume ball Tuesday night for the benefit of the Chinese famine sufferers will be a particularly brilliant and spectacular affair. The new Minister of China, Dr. Sze, and members of the legation staff are helping to give just as much of an Oriental atmosphere to the ball as possible, and not only will there be a Chinese jazz band for the dancing, but there will be all sorts of side shows or features. Dr. T. Hsueh will represent the republic of China. Mme. Yen will give a program of Chinese love songs and there will be a Chinese wedding.

His volunteer fireman's instinct was correct. Half a dozen volunteer firemen in evening clothes were snatching home from the station disordered by the mild weather and the recent slush in fires. Fireman Ehrman broke the sad news to them that the headquarters was burning up and they must help him, evening clothes and all.

With catapaults streaming and top hats flung aside, the theatergoing volunteer firemen sped toward their blazing quarters. There they met their fellows, aroused by the siren, racing to the burning building in much less formal garb.

Pajamas and swallowtails worked side by side. They rolled out the apparatus, connected hose lines, ran up ladders and after a three-hour fight subdued the flames. The loss was estimated at \$4,000, including photographs of past chiefs and commissioners, historic trumpets, the initiation regalia of Nyoda Council of Redmen and the decorations for a duce which the women's auxiliary of the Redmen was to give this week at the engine house.

## Youth Tells Police Girl Killed Self With Acid

**Suspect in Michigan Mystery Changes Story; Admits He Fled From Scene**

Special Dispatch to The Tribune.

CORUNNA, Mich., April 3.—Sweet Higgins, twenty-two-year-old forest heart of Lucy Wittum, who was found dead on the Grand Trunk right-of-way by a train crew last Thursday, after repeatedly denying that he had anything to do with the nineteen-year-old girl's death, changed front today and told Shiaswase County officials that she swallowed the acid in his presence, despite his efforts to prevent her.

"I saw her place a bottle to her lips just after I had climbed a fence near our usual meeting place on my way home," said young Higgins. "I ran up to her and struck the bottle from her hands, but before I could kick it out of reach she regained it and swallowed the contents."

Public sentiment, which at first favored young Higgins, has turned against him because he made no attempt to get medical attention for the girl at a time when it is believed her death could have been averted.

Miss Wittum was breathing when found, according to members of the train crew, who stopped and picked her up.

Higgins told the authorities that fear of the consequences led him to desert the girl before life was extinct. He was afraid, he said, suspicion would revert to him had he notified the police.

Miss Wittum, he said, became depressed and morose when he told her that an employment which they had planned would have to be postponed for several days.

## His Flivver Blows Up And His Houseboat Burns

**Timothy Jones, who lives in a two-story houseboat moored at the foot of 14th Street and the Harlem River, when he isn't motoring in his favorite four-cylinder car, returned to his boat late last night after a day of motoring on Long Island. He parked his car close to the boat and went in. He had hardly closed the door behind him when he heard an explosion on the bank of the river.**

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## Karolyi to Reside in Serbia

BELGRADE, April 3. Count Michael Karolyi, the leader of the Hungarian Independent party, who recently was expelled from Italy, has been given permission by the government to reside in Serbia. He is expected to take up his residence at Dubrovnik.

## Congressmen Returning for Extra Session

**Opening Week Away; Harding Probably to Address Members; Adjournment Before Fall Not Expected**

### Emergency Tariff First

**Program Contemplates Several Revenue Bills, Then Federal Tax, Revision**

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—With the extra session of Congress scheduled to begin one week from to-morrow, many members of the Senate and House who left the capital for brief vacations are beginning to drift back to Washington. Many of the new members of the Senate and House are here in readiness for the opening.

The opinion freely expressed by the great majority of members is that a protracted and arduous session is ahead. Though there is more or less talk that tariff and tax revision will be completed so that Congress can adjourn in July, few members of either House take this with much seriousness. That the session will be drawn out to September or October is the prevailing view. Not a few members believe it will run into the regular session next December, with perhaps a few weeks' recess period.

President Harding is expected to read his message to the two houses the second day of the session, Tuesday, April 12. The President has not formally announced that he will present his message in person, but he is understood to be disposed to do so. He has said repeatedly that he desires to keep in close personal touch with the members of the two houses.

Although strong elements in and out of Congress believe tax revision should precede tariff revision, there is no indication that the program snipped out some days ago will be changed. This calls for emergency tariff, anti-dumping, American valuation, permanent tariff revision and tax revision. Pressure of emergency tariff legislation from the agricultural interests continues to be strong. The House Ways and Means Committee intends to introduce emergency tariff, anti-dumping and American valuation in three separate bills, but the plan of the Senate Finance Committee is to unite them in one. This, however, is not likely to cause any serious clash between the houses. The House will rush the first three bills through under special rules, but there are indications that one or two weeks of debate will be required in the Senate. Senate Democrats who oppose the emergency tariff bill will assail it vigorously, in the hope of making political capital out of it.

The task of formulating the permanent tariff revision bill is a big one. It will probably be a month or more before it is ready to report to the House. Unstable and abnormal conditions in Europe make the task extremely difficult. To a large extent the Ways and Means Committee are taking the Payne-Aldrich bill as a guide, and while not following those rates they are using them in large measure to find their bearings.

The army and navy appropriations bills, the Colombia treaty, which is before the Senate, the budget bill, the Knox resolution for peace with Germany, phases of the railroad question, and the long program of legislation demanded by the farmers' organizations are among the other subjects with which Congress will have to concern itself.

## Footpad Shoots Sailor Who Didn't Understand 'Hands Up'

Andres Rousis, a seaman on the Sussanah, of the United States Mail Steamship Line, who speaks only French, was stopped by a hold-up man last night at Thirty-fifth Street and Eleventh Avenue.

As the footpad had no interpreter Rousis couldn't make out what it was he wanted, and was shot in the shoulder while expressing in his politest French his regrets at his inability to be of assistance.

After his wound had been treated at the French Hospital he returned to his ship, which is tied up at Seventy-fourth Street and the Hudson River.

## Obregon Offers Full Equity on Oil and Debts

**President Cites Twelve Examples of His Efforts to Rehabilitate Mexican Standing Among Nations**

### Morals and Law Guide

**Reforms To Be Promulgated by Special Congress; All Rebel Activities Curbed**

MEXICO CITY, April 3. (By The Associated Press).—Twelve examples of Mexican effort to "obtain legitimate prestige among the other nations of the world" were enumerated by President Obregon today in a formal statement given to foreign correspondents.

The President began his statement by declaring that the present regime in Mexico "is following a line of conduct in absolute accord with the precepts of morals and of law, and has initiated this policy with a series of acts which have taken place within the past few months and which will not be interrupted until its noble purposes have been fulfilled."

One of the examples of the policy of the present administration cited by President Obregon was the calling of an extraordinary session of Congress, during which the principal reforms to be promulgated, among these being the regulation of Article 27 of the Constitution, in so far as it refers to oil, and which reforms doubtless will be based on a broad spirit of equity in which endeavor will be made not to make its dictates confiscatory nor to give it a retroactive interpretation.

Regarding Mexico's foreign debt, the President's statement said: "An investigation has been extended to all holders of our exterior debt, asking them to appoint their representatives and enter into arrangements with the government concerning all its debts, upon the basis that the government will not use any subterfuge or evasions, but, on the con-

trary, will base its settlement upon an ample spirit of equity, such as has served heretofore as the standard for all its acts, until they be completely satisfied."

Continuing, the statement said: "The establishment of this government satisfying as it does, all just and popular aspirations, and being the legitimate representative of all social classes, has brought about the complete pacification of the country without using any violent means to this end."

"Absolute observance of laws imparting complete guarantees to the lives and interests of nationals and foreigners is the motif of the government."

"A decree already has been issued extending the terms for the admission of claims for damages caused during the revolution, and a law regulating these claims is about to be published, creating a committee whose impartial arbitration shall be the best guaranty for the government and claimants."

## Grand Jury Told of 15 Peons Killed on Farm


Special Dispatch to The Tribune.

COVINGTON, Ky., April 3.—With all arrangements made for the trial here Tuesday of John S. Williams, wealthy planter of Jasper County, it was learned today that evidence has been given the grand jury that the total number of negroes killed reached fifteen. Only eleven bodies have been found, however, and it has not yet been possible to locate the other four.

Several raids have been made in the last few days on the Williams farm and a number of negroes have been taken to Atlanta to be held for safekeeping as material witnesses. Williams and the negro whose confession started the trial proceedings, Clyde Manning, are both confined there and will be held until the trial begins. Judge John Hutcheson, before whom the trial will be held, announced tonight that he was convinced the people of Jasper and Newton counties desired to see the grand jury that the trial would be held, and that no trouble was to be anticipated. For that reason, he said, he would not call upon the Governor for troops. Williams will go on trial for the murder of one of the three negroes whose bodies were found chained together in the river on the Newton County side. If freed of the first charge there will still remain the other murders to be accounted for.

ATLANTA, April 3.—On the basis of

complaints received peonage in this state is "not widespread in the sense of being state-wide," Vincent Hughes, head of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice here, said in a statement to-night.




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